Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 6, 12 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction ~~and/or~~ or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error-correction code for error-correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

a demodulator which demodulates data modulated in accordance with the modulation rule;

a temporal store which stores the data demodulated by the demodulator;

an error-corrector which error-corrects the demodulated data stored in the temporal store based on the error-correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store;

a reproducer which reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-corrector and

stored in the temporal store; ~~and~~

an output controller which performs output control of the error-corrected data based on the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store; and

a medium detector which detects whether a medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction;

wherein the output controller stops outputting the error-corrected data ~~if~~ in response to occurrence of both (1) that the error-corrected data was reproduced from the medium dedicated to reproduction based upon detection by the medium detector, and (2) that the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store indicates that copying once was permitted at one time and no more.

8. (previously presented) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 7, wherein the temporal store is a RAM.

9. (previously presented) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 8, wherein the demodulator, the error-corrector, and the copying consent information reproducer are connected to the RAM.

10. (previously presented) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 9, wherein the RAM is constituted by a single RAM.

11. (previously presented) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video

data and/or audio data according to claim 8, wherein the copying consent information reproducer, the demodulator, the error-corrector, and the RAM are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

Claim 12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction ~~and/or~~ or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a digitized video signal or audio signal which has undergone addition of an error-correction code for error-correction and then been modulated in accordance with a modulation rule adapted for the recording medium, in a reproduction apparatus including

a demodulator which demodulates data in accordance with the modulation rule,

a temporal store which stores the data demodulated by the demodulator,

an error-corrector which error-corrects the demodulated data stored in the temporal store based on the error-correction code, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store,

a reproducer which reproduces the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data processed by the error-corrector and stored in the temporal store, and

an output controller which performs output control of the error-corrected data, and

a medium detector which detects whether a medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction;

the method comprising the steps of:

demodulating modulated data by the demodulator;

temporarily storing the demodulated data in the temporal store;

error-correcting the demodulated data stored in the temporal store by the error-corrector, the error-corrected data being stored in the temporal store;

reproducing the superimposed information concerning copying consent from the error-corrected data stored in the temporal store by the copying consent information reproducer; ~~and~~

performing output control of the error-corrected data by the output controller in accordance with the information concerning copying consent reproduced by the copying consent information reproducer;

wherein the step of performing output control of the error-corrected data includes the step of stopping outputting the error-corrected data by the output controller ~~if~~ in response to occurrence of both (1) that the error-corrected data was reproduced from the medium dedicated to reproduction based upon detection by the medium detector, and (2) that the reproduced information concerning copying consent stored in the temporal store indicates that copying once was permitted at one time and no more.

Claim 14 (canceled)

15. (new) A method for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 13, wherein the temporal store is a RAM.

16. (new) A method for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 15, wherein the demodulator, the error-corrector, and the copying consent information reproducer are connected to the RAM.

17. (new) A method for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 16, wherein the RAM is constituted by a single RAM.

18. (new) A method for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 15, wherein the copying consent information reproducer, the demodulator, the error-corrector and the RAM are integrated in a single semiconductor device.

19. (new) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, the video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying permission on a signal of digitized video data and/or a signal of digitized audio data or embedding the information therein, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

a reproducer which reproduces the information concerning copying permission superimposed on or embedded in the video data and/or audio data;

a determining unit which determines whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium; and

at least one of (a) a stopping unit which stops reproduction in response to occurrence of both (1) that the information reproduced by the reproducer indicates

that copying once was permitted at one time and no more, and (2) that a result of the determination by the determining unit indicates that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction, and (b) a destroying unit which destroys reproduced data so as to make the video data and/or audio data non-reproducible in response to occurrence of both (1) that the information reproduced by the reproducer indicates that copying once was permitted at one time and no more, and (2) that a result of the determination by the determining unit indicates that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction.

20. (new) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 19, wherein the stopping unit is provided.

21. (new) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 19, wherein the destroying unit is provided, and further comprising an error correcting unit which conducts error correction according to an added correction code.

22. (new) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 21, wherein the destroying unit destroys video data and/or audio data so as to make error detection of video data and/or audio data not yet subjected to error correction processing possible and make error correction thereof impossible in response to occurrence of both (1) and (2).

23. (new) A reproduction method for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video

data and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a signal of digitized video data and/or a signal of digitized audio data, the reproduction comprising the steps of:

reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data and/or audio data;

determining whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium; and

at least one of (a) stopping reproduction in response to occurrence of both (1) that the information reproduced by the information reproducing step indicates that copying once was permitted at one time and no more, and (2) that a result of the determining step indicates that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction, and (b) destroying reproduced data so as to make the video data and/or audio data non-reproducible in response to occurrence of both (1) that the information reproduced by the information reproducing step indicates that copying once was permitted at one time and no more, and (2) that a result of the determining step indicates that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction.

24. (new) A reproduction method for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 23, wherein the step (a) of stopping reproduction is provided.

25. (new) A reproduction method for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 23, wherein the step (b) of destroying reproduced data is provided.

26. (new) A reproduction method for reproducing video data and/or audio data according to claim 25, further comprising conducting error correction according to an added correction code, wherein the step (b) of destroying reproduced data includes destroying so as to make reproduction of the video data and/or audio data impossible and simultaneously judging error correction to be impossible.

27. (new) A computer-readable program encoded in a memory medium, the program being executed in a computer to execute operation for reproducing video data and/or audio data from a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium having video data and/or audio data recorded thereon, said video data and/or audio data being generated by superimposing information concerning copying consent on a signal of digitized video data and/or a signal of digitized audio data, the operation comprising:

reproducing the information concerning copying consent superimposed on the video data and/or audio data;

determining whether the medium to be reproduced is a medium dedicated to reproduction or a recordable medium; and

at least one of (a) stopping reproduction in response to occurrence of both (1) that the information reproduced by the information reproducing step indicates that copying once was permitted at one time and no more, and (2) that a result of the determining step indicates that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction, and (b) destroying reproduced data so as to make the video data and/or audio data non-reproducible in response to occurrence of both (1) that the information reproduced by the information reproducing step indicates that copying once was

permitted at one time and no more, and (2) that a result of the determining step indicates that the medium is a medium dedicated to reproduction.